



"LO A
VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

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MARK 16:15

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GOD'S LOVE

GOD OF YEARS, THY LOVE HATH
LED US

OUR NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God of years, Thy love hath led us,
Thou hast been our bulwark strong,
Wall of fire against the wicked,
Sword of power against the wrong.
Thou hast blest of old Thy servants
As they bore Thy message far;
We who follow in their footsteps
Evermore their debtors are.

Onward lead, O King eternal,
Lo, we heed Thy high command,
Bear good news to every people,
Far and near, in every land.
Thine they are, Thy love doth seek them,
Thou wouldst bring them to the light;
Lead us on till darkness brightens,
On till faith is lost in sight.

Lead us forth, a Church united,
Strong, courageous, in Thy might.
Lo, the fields are white with harvest,
Sheaves to garner ere the night.
One our purpose, One our Leader,
Thus Thy Church shall never fail;
Lead us on, O King eternal,
So shall love, world-wide, prevail.

—Prayer Poems.

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"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God, my strength, in whom I will trust," Psa. 18:2.

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—By—
D. H. DELK

THE WHOLE ARMOUR

(Continued)

Eph. 6:10-18.

The devil is at war with us, with our inner man, our soul. He doesn't always appear with blood in his eyes, horns on his head, and a pitchfork in his hands. No, no. But he can be a gentleman and tip his hat to ladies if he wants to. He can behave a while if it is to his advantage. Yes, the devil is at war against us, and he is destroying millions, not through starvation, or nakedness, but wonderfully (Dan. 8:24), through money and what money can buy, through the pride of life and lust of the flesh which is war against the soul. Read 1 Peter 2:11.

Therefore we need the whole armor of God. And the second piece is the **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**. A breastplate will cover the lungs and heart, two very vital organs; and the devil knows where to shoot, he's not a novice in marksmanship. He has plenty of well-loaded guns of envy, evil thoughts, suspicion, uncleanness, etc., to shoot into the heart of man, for he knows the pure in heart are blessed, and will see God. I believe the breastplate of righteousness is the righteous robe. I believe we ought (and will) to have the appearance of a Christian. We will look like one. That won't be ugly, either. No, no, for God is interested in His people. He beautifies the meek with salvation. This beauty is not a carnal beauty, therefore it takes away the demon look.

I met a poor backslider on the street the other day, and oh, the look she had was terrible. I don't know how old Ahab's wife Jezebel looked, but surely she could not favor the devil much more than this poor woman did. I once saw the face images of some notorious gangsters that had committed murder. Well, I don't want to see any more, for the distressful look of a lost soul, a soul sold to Satan to be possessed with Beelzebub, the very prince of devils, I saw in those face images.

I believe a true child of God that

stays consecrated will favor the Lord. I heard a song, "You look more like your father every day," and it is logical, for Eph. 5:1 (Syriac) says, "Be imitators of God." Yes, the breastplate of righteousness will make us walk like God, talk like God, think like God, see like God, look like God, and smell like God, for Christ was and is a sweet smelling savour. Phil. 4:6 (Syriac), "Let your humility be recognized (made visible or conspicuous) among all men." The breastplate of righteousness will shine out to the lost. I believe it can and will reflect the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Yes, I am of the firm conviction that this part of the armor will show up less of us and more of Christ.

I heard of a tobacco-chewing preacher being in a strange community. He was looking for a place to spend the night, so he knocked on a door and asked the lady of the house for room that night. She hesitated to say O. K. and he said, "I guess you know what the Bible says about entertaining strangers, for some have entertained angels unawares." To which the lady replied, "I know you are not an angel, for I don't think angels chew tobacco." Yes, I think there is a lot of truth in that song, "YOU LOOK MORE LIKE YOUR FATHER EVERY DAY."

Card of Thanks

I desire to express my appreciation for the many beautiful Christmas cards and New Year's greetings received from so many friends throughout the nation. I trust God may make this a prosperous new year for every one of you, with health and added happiness.—E. C. Clark, Managing Editor.

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JOHN C. JERNIGAN

CALLED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

*Those Who Do Not Succeed Have
Either Failed God or Missed
Their Calling. God Makes
No Mistakes.*

That God calls men to preach the gospel is an evident fact. At Mount Horeb He spoke to Moses from the burning bush in an audible voice, calling him to lead the children of Israel from their oppression under the Egyptian taskmasters to a land flowing with milk and honey.

During the early life of Jeremiah, the Lord spoke to him, saying, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou cameth forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations," Jeremiah 1:5. Jeremiah resented the call and replied to the Lord, "Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child." But the Lord spoke again unto him, saying, "Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth," Jeremiah 1:7,9.

Saul of Tarsus, who became the great apostle to the Gentiles, was on his way to Damascus when he was stricken down on the road and a light from heaven shined round about him. He arose from the earth trembling and astonished and said unto the Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do?" The Lord told him to go into the city and it would there be told him what he must do.

Paul was for three days in Judas' house on the street of Straight, without sight and in prayer and fasting. At the same time, the Lord spoke to Ananias in the same city, declaring the calling of Paul, saying, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel," Acts 9:15.

Above we have given an account of

the call of the patriarch Moses, who was called to lead the children of Israel into Canaan, and of Jeremiah the weeping prophet, who was called to declare the judgments upon the Jews, and of Paul, the great and powerful gospel preacher to the Gentiles.

There are also other similar accounts given in the Scriptures where God called men to His service. Such definite calls could not be doubted or misunderstood. However, the few accounts in the Scriptures, over a period of several hundred years, is not evidence that God spoke in audible words or otherwise made known by unmistakable means the calling of all men who were called to His service.

IDENTIFYING THE CALLED

Paul left Titus on the Island of Crete fully commissioned to ordain elders in every city. The elders to be ordained were men who had been called to rule, guard, and protect the flock as a shepherd. If these men had heard a voice from heaven saying, Go preach, or had seen such words written in the skies, or if God had spoken to Paul or to Titus giving the names of each man called, and an outline of his work, there would have been no necessity for a code of rules from Paul to Titus to assist him in the identification of such called men. But Paul gave Titus instructions on the qualifications identifying men chosen of God for this particular work. Paul wrote Titus as follows: "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers," Titus 1:5-9.

Men who had been called were identified by such things as living a blameless life, having one wife (not two) whose children were faithful and not unruly. If Titus had found a man seeking ordination who had two wives or a family of unruly children, he would not have ordained him. If Titus had found another man who was self-willed, easy to get angry, he would have also been refused ordination. If another who was greedy of money, seeking to accumulate this world's good, had applied for ordination, he would have been rejected.

Titus was searching for men who were lovers of hospitality, lovers of good men, sober, just, holy, and temperate. Without these qualifications the men could not be trusted with the care of the churches.

If a candidate for ordination possessed all these high qualities, and his family measured well up to the requirements of a bishop's family, he had yet a qualification to meet. He must be able to teach and by sound doctrine to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. Therefore, being a good man and having a faithful family is not evidence that God has called a man to the ministry, but he must measure up to all qualifications.

HOW ONE MAY KNOW HE IS CALLED

If there is no audible voice that proclaims the call of a man to the ministry, no prophet to notify him, how is he to recognize his call to preach?

Titus recognized their calling by their qualifications. Men who measured up to all the requirements, he ordained. Many might have sought or been recommended for ordination who did not qualify, but only men who had within them the evidence of right living and ability were recognized. God has never called on any man who could not qualify for the task.

The best evidence that one who is trying to preach has not been called, is the fact that he is making a failure of his ministry. Any man who cannot

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

By the Editor

Opposed to Protestants and Catholics

According to a report by RNS dated November 21, Himmler has listed "Protestantism" and "Roman Catholicism" as "ideological enemies" of Nazism. Protestantism stands for freedom from sin and oppression; what therefore Himmler can alone believe in is lawlessness, political bigotry, and race domination.

European Outlook

With Russia as the dominant factor in European affairs after the war, the whole trend of Europe will likely have direct Communist leanings, not actually Communist, but a drastic state rule, for the time being called Communism. World War No. 3 ever looms as a possibility in the light of Ezek. 38 and 39. Until men learn that God ruleth in the kingdoms of men, there is no stabilizer.

Men at the Front

The man at the front should be of great concern to every praying person, because of the precarious nature of war. The great sacrifice these men are making should bring them to you as an object of earnest prayer. Whether Catholic, Jew or Protestant, they all alike need our prayers, that they may be kept, helped, and delivered back to their families and homes, to live a normal, peaceful, and happy life. These men are constantly upon my heart. Will you plead for them?

Ravages of War

PATHFINDER, Dec. 4, states that "from underground sources, and liberated areas have come facts and figures proving how well the Nazis wiped out the seeds of conquered nations to leave them weak and impotent while Germany planned to remain strong.

"Their blueprint was: (1) Starve the children, youth, and pregnant women; (2) murder the aged, the rebellious; (3) enslave the able-bodied. Throughout Europe this evidence continues to mount:

"In occupied, or formerly Nazi occupied areas, ten million civilians have been murdered, twelve million are held as Nazi slaves. In Holland,

850,000 persons were left homeless. In Greece 450,000 starved to death; infant mortality rose 75 per cent. In France four million families were scattered. In Yugoslavia, up to 80 per cent of the children died. In Poland eight million persons were scattered, 10 per cent killed. Countless Russians suffered a similar fate."

Sunday School Decrease

Dr. Jesse M. Bader, mission leader and head of the evangelism department of the Federal Council of Churches, warned of a 4,000,000 drop in Sunday School attendance since 1928. He stated that Sunday School attendance in Washington, D. C., was about 10,000. According to Rev. Phillip Widdenhouse, only ten per cent of the population of Washington is enrolled in Sunday School. Negligence of parents and also of the pastors of churches are dominating factors in this slump of Sunday School attendance. These will share the major responsibility at the judgment bar of God for their negligence and for the present tide of child delinquency.

Mystery of Jews Deported From Athens Is Solved

LUBLIN, (JTA)—The mystery surrounding the fate of several thousand Jews deported from Athens by the Germans last year, has been partially solved with the disclosure here that 1,200 of the deportees were executed at the Majdanek camp. It is likely that many others were also murdered.

The names of most of the 1,000,000 Jews exterminated at Majdanek and other camps probably will never be known, since it has been definitely ascertained that the Germans kept no list of their Jewish victims. Lists were kept only of the executed non-Jews.

A few score names are available from the pitiful possessions of the dead Jews found piled up in Majdanek storehouses awaiting shipment to Germany. From these, which include luggage, prayer books, and other personal effects, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent, in a brief examination, was able to obtain the names of twenty to thirty Jews from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia.

Were some committee to undertake

to make a thorough canvass of these possessions, a record of at least a fraction of the presently anonymous dead might be secured.

The 1,200 Greek Jews were not gassed, burned or buried alive, as were most of the Majdanek victims. Survivors report that they were systematically beaten to death over a period of several weeks.—*Calif. Jewish Voice*.

Distress of Nations

"And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring," Luke 21:25. The reference here is to a time just prior to the Lord's coming. The word "distress" comes from "sunoochee" (Greek) which means, metaphorically, straits, distress, anguish. The nations of today, and of tomorrow, will continue to realize the truth of this passage of God's Word. The political repercussions after this war will, like the period of war itself, be one of "distress" and "anxiety." The reason is simple—as the age moves on lawlessness will increase, a thing which can only happen in political circles. Lack of security, because of disturbed and distrusted politics, will result in lack of confidence, thereby resulting in riots, bloodshed, and undermining political schemes.

Taking God at His word and acting upon it, is faith and works in action, constructing the road for progress to reach the goal of success.

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Maintaining the Glow

NEW YEAR SERMON

By E. C. Clark

INTRODUCTION: Seasons come and go, years swiftly fly; these carry us out in the pleasant future of awaited changes, only to return us again to the point of the beginning. Therefore, we find ourselves once each year parked on the front doorstep of a New Year, there to start our journey anew. Time takes us out in the future to return us again that we may ponder and further resolve to redeem the new day and to profit by experiences of the past. This is in keeping with the very fact that it is written, "For of him, and through him, and to him are all things," Rom. 11: 25.

TEXT: "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: they shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; and as a vesture thou shalt fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail."

A REHEARSAL

All nature seems to have but one origin and but one purpose. 1. All came from God. 2. All must return unto God. Therefore, seasons annually hold their pageants of rehearsals as they unfold and enfold the New Year, only to confirm the fact as Solomon has said that "there is no new thing under the sun." Much of life is like material things reproduced that we may have a chance to improve our talents and positions relative to things eternal. This is, in my opinion, why a merciful and compassionate heavenly Father has ordained for the benefit of His Church an "early and latter rain" of the Holy Spirit, that He may again produce likeness in kind of His own choosing and planting, as to spiritual character.

THE PERPETUITY OF GOD

Because of the fact that God does not have a material body as human beings, but is in nature spirit and therefore not subject to the changes

effected by the passing of years, He neither fails in perpetuity of being nor of purpose. God is the living measure of life, from which all of His creatures draw new vigor and life. Men may, because of this fact, even though dead in sin and trespasses, be born again. A copy of the same pattern is redrawn when the sick is physically healed. When the material is brought into contact with the eternal, they are by the nature of that act vivified and renewed, both in spirit and in body. In Christ as a replica of the eternal, we have an unchangeable priesthood, from whom the whole body is fitly framed together and from whom and by whom it is renewed day by day. By Him all things consist, or literally are held together. As these measures of time called years bring us back again and offer us a new chance to recount our steps, to reaffirm our resolves, even so God purposes to renew and refill His people who compose His Church with His Spirit, intent upon bringing us back again to towering pinnacles of spiritual life and usefulness, that He may be glorified in the Church. Therefore, as He poured out His Spirit upon a waiting church in the upper room at Pentecost, He reserved a portion of the "latter rain" for us upon whom the end of the age has come. God neither suffers His plans or His faithfulness to fail, nor does He purpose that His people shall fail if they are mindful to obey and trust Him. We can, by the very nature of the fact of an unchangeable God and an unchangeable high priest over the house of God, have a repetition of what happened at Pentecost and after.

THE AFTERGLOW

There has been a constant desire of those particularly spiritually-minded to maintain the power given at Pentecost in our midst. Therefore, these staunch spiritual barriers are always either lamenting the apparent absence of Pentecostal power or long-

ing for the "days of heaven upon earth again." It was this kind of people in the various church denominations who consecrated themselves unto God in prayer until we had a repetition of Pentecostal revival during the last few decades. After the revival fires of Pentecost were past, and the afterglow may have in some sense abated by persecution, the demonstrable dynamics of their day and time found occasion to return "to their own company" and there together "lifted up their voices to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth and the sea, and all that in them is: And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." They didn't only lift up their voices in recognition of God and their spiritual privileges and rights, but "they prayed" some kind of an extraordinary prayer. The result was that the "place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4. It is evident that any church may not only have the glow of revival fires of Pentecostal power, as was true of the Church on the day of Pentecost, but the afterglow can be maintained if sufficient prayer is made unto God.

Dr. Scofield translated the Baptism of the Holy Ghost by this measure, "one baptism, many fillings." This is true according to the original pattern. If it was true then, it is still true today. It was with reference to maintaining the glow that Paul wrote unto the Ephesians, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit," Eph. 5:18. This is equally true in 1 Thessalonians fifth chapter, wherein he said, "Pray without ceasing. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." And as a result of doing the above, he said, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Now whether it is popular, or whether you like it or not, it is still possible to have an experience of sanctification without and within.

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Foundations of a Christian Home

By WARREN D. BOWMAN, *Washington City Church of the Brethren, Washington, D. C.*

Text: "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 3:11.

Christ is the foundation for a life. He is also the foundation for a home, out of which new life springs. There should be three parties to the marriage bond—the man, the woman, and Christ. Christ should be the head, the guide, the mediator, the unseen partner at all times. When a child comes to bless the home, the Master who blessed little children and placed them first in His kingdom, should be there to add His benediction. Only in this way can marriage fully answer the scriptural injunctions, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"; and "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

I. THE YOUNG COUPLE THAT STANDS BEFORE THE MARRIAGE ALTAR

In considering the essentials for Christian home building, we must go back to that young couple that stands before the marriage altar. Do these two young people have genuine character? Do they have honor? Do they understand what the marriage vows mean? Are they prepared for this sacred event of marriage? Are they genuinely in love, and well mated? Are they prepared to build the kind of home that will be an honor to their country and to their God?

Last, but not least, are they genuinely Christian at heart? A Christian home cannot be built without Christians. And it is difficult to build a Christian home when one is a Christian and the other is not, for the influence of the one tends to counterbalance the influence of the other. Yet, I want to add a word of encouragement for those whose mate may not be a Christian. There are homes where the mother, being a sincere Christian, has so wielded an influence over the children that they became outstanding Christians and later the father comes to Christ through her influence and that of the children. But where the mother has not accepted Christ, it is far more difficult to train the child in the Christian way of life. Young men and women should

give serious consideration to their own spiritual life, and that of the prospective mate, when thinking of marriage. The greatest contribution any one can make to a future child is in choosing that child the right kind of mother or father. The mate one chooses conditions the future of his children to a remarkable degree.

Does the young person you love have a vital religion? Does he make a practice of using God's help in daily life? Has religion sweetened his disposition so as to make him a congenial and lovable companion? The spirit of Christ permeating every phase of the personality makes a wonderful contribution toward happiness in marriage.

II. HAPPY ADJUSTMENT IN MARRIAGE

The second essential for a Christian home is that the couple be well-adjusted in their marriage. Studies show that a very large per cent of problem children come from broken homes. Homes broken by maladjustment are more serious than those broken by death. Besides broken homes, there are many that just hang together by a slender thread. The parents are maladjusted, unhappy in their wedlock, and just remain together for the sake of decency, or because of the children. But there is a better way—a way that will usually lead to happiness for that couple, happiness with one another, and a return to that love that was manifested on their wedding day.

If a person is not measuring up in his vocation he works harder, he seeks greater preparation. What will work in vocation will work in marriage, if the two people concerned will eliminate their prejudices, their selfishness, and go about their adjustments in a sensible way. There are splendid books treating of maladjustment in marriage, books that treat it from the Christian viewpoint, which couples could profit greatly by reading. Then, if there is unhappiness, to discuss the problem with an understanding doctor, minister, or domestic counsellor, or Christian lawyer often works miracles. In this approach several things are essential. First, the

counsellor must be a person who will keep what is told him in confidence. Second, both husband and wife must go to him so he can hear both sides. No person can form a correct judgment by hearing only one side. Third, the persons must desire a change for the better and must be willing to face the matter squarely and eliminate their own selfishness.

The greatest essentials for happiness in marriage are genuine love for one another, wholesome information relative to marriage adjustments, common sense, and vital religion in the heart. A significant study of 22,001 marriages showed that while there is about one divorce in six marriages in this country, among active Christian couples there is less than one divorce in fifty marriages. Another study showed that marriages performed without religious services were more than twice as likely to end in divorce as were those performed by a minister.

The Christian family represents a couple united in the bond of holy love, glorifying God through their marriage, through fulfilling His divine purpose in the world. The husband and wife should continually grow together in love, should grow toward each other, into that sort of union that is really made in heaven.

With Christ as a partner in the marriage bond, and at the head of the home, they will seek His will in all of their activities. They will start the day with prayer, and ask Christ to direct their thoughts and acts during the day. When a difference arises, or one or the other becomes irritated, or has the impulse to give way to temper or irritation, instead of saying harsh words, they will pause for a little period of communion with God and ask Him to help them settle their difficulty. I know couples who are living on this basis and they are the happiest couples I have ever seen.

So many difficulties arise because of lack of understanding. Because the husband does not understand the difficulties the wife is facing, the conflicts she is undergoing, he tends to depreciate her. Little petty jealousies, suspicions and resentful feelings

arise. Many a husband or wife is not living up to his or her maximum as a mate, not because of the wrong motive, but simply because they do not understand. Honest sharing of thoughts, experiences, desires, conflicts, or even temptations, is a cornerstone in the Christian family. Many a hitherto unhappy couple has been regenerated when they began sharing their experiences under God's guidance.

The Christian couple will prayerfully aid one another in overcoming the sins of disposition. I am becoming more and more convinced that the sins of disposition, and evil temper, jealousy, enmity, faultfinding, nagging cause more unhappiness in family life than anything else. Many a father who outwardly appears respectable causes his family to live in horror of his outbursts of temper. Many a wife poisons the atmosphere of her home through continual nagging and faultfinding. The parents transmit the sins of disposition to their children through example, and the children are frequently soured on religion and life through being reared in such an atmosphere. With Christ at the head of the home, the sins of disposition can be conquered.

The Christian couple should seek to understand what psychology, physiology, and sociology have contributed to happiness and marriage adjustments. Many couples have floundered on the rocks of ignorance. I feel that it is our duty as a church to aid young couples in acquiring the best that science has to contribute toward success in marriage. While this is highly important, yet science has not the final answer. Possession of information does not guarantee that it will be used aright. Information alone will not change a life. Attitudes and motives must be developed to use this information aright. Here is where vital Christianity plays its part—it puts into man the motive to use his information for the glory of God.

III. GIVING THE CHILD THE PLACE THAT JESUS GAVE IT

With Christ at the head of the home, the child will be given that place that Jesus gave it, the first place in the kingdom. A short time ago a young wife asked me whether I thought she and her husband were in proper economic condition to plan for a child. I immediately asked her whether they were in the proper spiritual condition. I said, "Have you con-

sidered the kind of home this child will have? Will it have parents who are genuinely Christian? Will they create for it an atmosphere of reverence? Will it be proud of its parents?" We usually consider the economic side first, and I am not denying the necessity of considering this side, but people rarely consider whether they are morally and spiritually prepared for parenthood.

A child should be conceived in love and born into an atmosphere of reverence. I believe a couple should pray earnestly over the matter of bringing a child into the world. Samuel and John the Baptist were children of prayer. Hannah prayed for a child and early dedicated him to the Lord. Elizabeth prayed for a child. The record says that Zacharias and Elizabeth "were both righteous before God, walking in all of the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless." When we find parents like that we don't need to wonder that out of that home there came John the Baptist.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from a young married woman in which she said, "We are expecting a little bundle of heaven to come into our home in the spring, and we are so happy about it. We are wondering how we can train it in religion." She went on to say that they were turning more seriously toward God as they anticipated the gift of a little child. Just to hold a little child in one's arms and to know that Jesus placed this bit of human life first in His kingdom tends to bring out the best in us. Parenthood brings us closer to God.

The Christian couple will seek the best available information on child training. They will study their children and ascertain the best methods of training them in religion and character. They will seek to understand the significance of each stage of development. They will realize that the most crucial period is before the child enters the public school. Many a child is growing up handicapped in personality, with traits that may lead to criminality or even insanity, because parents do not understand the fundamental principles of child training. But again the understanding of these facts does not guarantee they will be applied. We are poverty-stricken in the realm of application. Application demands a desire or disposition within to use our knowledge aright. The principles of child-training should be

applied by God-directed individuals.

In the home the parent is continually influencing the life of the child. The parent does not understand the extent of his influence and the child is unaware, because the process is so gradual, so unconscious-like. But after a while we say he is a chip off the old block and the father can't understand why the son is wayward, or the mother cannot realize why the daughter is indifferent, but if they could see themselves they would understand. If some people whom I have known could just see themselves in the movies, which would register every frown, every whim, their disposition, their philosophy of life, they would be shocked beyond recovery. But to those boys and girls we are moving pictures. They imitate us, our lives become a part of their lives, they become mould of our mould. While there are many factors that contribute to the character of the child, the most important factor is environment. Of all environmental factors the most important is the early home training.

IV. A CHRIST-LIKE ATMOSPHERE IN THE HOME

We need homes that will be worthy of the tribute paid by Dr. Jowett to the home of Charles Kingsley. He says: "It was a home whose moral atmosphere was like the air of the Alpine Heights, a home in which, in all perplexities the only referendum was the Lord Himself."

The home needs a revival of the family altar, that meeting place with Christ. The day should be started with prayer. It is more important to pray in the morning when the day is ahead than to pray in the evening when the day's work is done. Children should be taught to pray and to participate in the worship. We should pray over the disciplining of our children. When some difficulty arises and a child deserves punishment, instead of punishing him while we are in an impulsive mood or perhaps angry, pause for a few moments to commune with God, and see what difference it makes.

The Christian family will maintain a beautiful relationship between church and home. There will, of course, be regular attendance at church services on the part of each member of the family. The parents will seek to cast a halo of reverence around the church service, the Sunday School, the teachers, and the minister. Naturally, those who lead must be worthy

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REV. A. M. PHILLIPS
Pastor, Hemphill Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

My dreams have come true. Since I have been in the ministry, I have desired to accomplish, by the help of the Lord, what we accomplished last Sunday night. I have been overwhelmingly thrilled by this accomplishment that God gave us in the Hemphill Avenue Church of God, that is, the beginning of an endowment fund for our Bible School and College.

I decided the first of the year to pay someone's way through school. Soon after the Assembly I felt we needed for our school an endowment fund. I set the goal to begin with at \$1,000, not telling the church my plan. I began it with \$100, and knew there were some business men in the city who would be interested in the same kind of work.

I talked to one in the cafe business, who said, "Reverend, it will just be a pleasure for me to give you \$100." I went out of his business just thanking the Lord for this gift.

Then I talked to a funeral director and his wife, told them my story of the endowment fund and they quickly said, "We will give you \$100."

I then talked with the owner of an

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auto parts company in Atlanta and told him the story concerning our school that I was so much interested in. And he said, "Rev. Phillips, that is certainly a great work that you are beginning and I will give you \$100."

Then I went to the office of one of the finest furniture men in our city,

and I began to tell him this good story. When I mentioned the endowment fund he stopped me by saying, "Rev. Phillips, I will be glad to give you \$100."

A mill company here joined in sending a check for \$50. Then I knew that two days later, in our Sunday



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good night service, I could complete my goal of \$1,000.

I ran a large church announcement in one of the largest papers in Atlanta, telling of the great service—a surprise service—told of the singing and music and that what we did this night would make history for the

Church of God. I announced it on both radio broadcasts.

Everyone was quite enthusiastic, wondering what the surprise would be. I yet had not told my story. On Sunday night to a packed house, after the orchestra had played, choir, congregation, quartets, special sing-

ing, I told the story of my desire to help worthy ministerial students, and our big drive began. Soon we completed our \$1,000! Everyone was happy, and we all thank the Lord for His help.

On Monday morning, November 13, at the chapel service at our Bible School and College, it was my happy privilege to present our school with \$1,000 to begin the endowment fund. The faculty and students all over the auditorium seemed to enjoy the glad surprise.

I am praying that ministers and churches all over our movement will join us in this great fund to help ministers who desire and should attend our Bible School and College. They can borrow the amount they need, go through school, and when they are out, pay it back to help others who have the same desire.

After this war, we are going to need an unlimited number of ministers and Christian workers to supply the demand in the postwar world. I am hoping and praying that God will give us \$100,000 this year.

The Church of God has the best thing and we are very anxious for everyone to receive it.

May God bless each of you is my prayer.—A. M. Phillips.

Editor's note: This enthusiastic, energetic young pastor has converted his very brilliant idea into a living reality, which is very commendable not only on his part but also an outstanding accomplishment for the congregation of which he is pastor. It is quite uncertain how far this voluntary move may spread before the year is past. Some other pastor may accept this challenge to the surprise of Rev. Phillips and his church. Our ministers are interested in the education of our youth, and they are of that kind who manifest their loyalty unto Christ and His Church by doing extraordinary things. May the Lord bless this donation of \$1,000, given to the endowment fund, and make it increase many fold.



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Jamaican Convention

To our officials, ministers, laity, and friends of the great Church of God:

Please accept greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

It was a great shock to us when we were told that our esteemed Bishop F. J. Thibodeau was not returning to us on the Island of Jamaica. Hundreds of hearts were broken. They were broken because of his love for his work, his brotherly feelings, his sympathy for the fallen ones, and many other characteristics too numerous to mention. At the time when we needed him most, he took sick. He had overworked himself because of his love for the work. We can attribute him no other name than the "Great Battle-Axe" of God. May God bless him and his dear wife that wherever they may go or whatever post they have attained, they may be as highly esteemed as we esteem them here.

At this time, however, we all must work again, as his successor, Bishop D. L. Lemons, has arrived. At a glance, one can just see the glory of God shining in him and we certainly do love him and his wife and children. He landed on the shores of Jamaica at exactly 12:30 p. m., November 22, the day on which the assembly began. He started to work from the time he entered the car at the air base.

Wednesday night, the first night of the assembly, God came on the scene and with His mighty power blessed our souls. The Ward Theatre, one of our largest public buildings, was packed to its capacity on Sunday night. We were informed that many were turned away just because there was not even standing space. So you can just imagine the hundreds who were there.

The assembly came to a successful termination and a great deal of business was taken care of. Our new bishop is a real businessman for God. Let us all pray for him and for the success of the work here.

At present, we have one hundred and seventy-seven churches, but with full cooperation and goodwill we

will certainly make it two hundred by the time the next assembly takes place. Brethren, let us pull together, remembering that the world is in a turmoil and the only thing that can help us at this time is a great revival of the Holy Ghost. Dear brethren, when you pray, remember us in Jamaica as we still move forward with this motto, "United, we stand; divided, we fall."—S. A. Robertson.

434 Saved on Island of Utila

"We are very sorry to be so late with our report but we have been on the Island of Utila in a revival. No boat left there last week so we could

Pray for South India Convention

Brother and Sister Cook request special prayer for the annual convention of the Church of God in India which convenes January 28-February 4. This is an important meeting where several thousand Christians will gather for counsel, instruction, prayer, and consecration. Pray for them.

not send it any earlier.

"Preached four weeks on this island and 434 souls were saved. Indeed this was the greatest revival we have ever had. The people say this is the greatest thing that ever came to this island. The businessmen say there is a great change in the lives of the people. There are very few sales being made on cigarettes and cigars. Before we

went there to preach, this island sold \$300 worth of liquor each month but the month we preached they sold only \$3.50 worth. They say this is the first time holiness has been preached there. The people love us very much and want us to open a church and a day school, but there isn't any building available. One man offered to give us a lot to build but it is impossible to build at this time as lumber cannot be secured.

"We preached in a Methodist church. It seats over 400, and we had it packed every night and a large crowd outside. There is a wonderful opportunity for the Church of God there, and a grade school, as everyone wants this.

"We are here in La Ceiba now to talk with a minister who has a large church. He is independent and he is interested in the Church of God. We will meet with him Saturday.

"Yours for souls,

"Fred and Lucille Litton."

The above letter is one that has just been received from Brother and Sister Litton. They were in La Ceiba, Honduras, at the time it was written but we would not undertake to give their address as it would be impossible for you to keep up with them the way they are moving around.

The only way to reach them by mail is to write them at Box 201, Belize, British Honduras. Surely we have much to be thankful for the way God is reaching these precious, helpless souls on these almost deserted islands, so far as missionaries are concerned

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My husband in Service in the Southwest Pacific.—Mrs. J. Dozier, Box 143, Parkdale, Ark.

The healing of my finger; my husband.—Mrs. Clarence Holland, Leakesville, Miss.

The Lord to heal my body; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. G. W. Davis, Rt. 1, Frostproof, Fla.

The Lord to heal me of a cancer.—Mrs. Evelyn Parker, Rt. 4, Lancaster, S. C.

God to undertake for me.—Mrs. Cora Cauthen, Rt. 3, Box 10, Lancaster, S. C.

The healing of my body; my son in Italy; God to undertake for a neighbor; the healing of Sister Hembree and Sister Childs.—Sister Grace Haynes, Elberton, Ga.

God to heal my oldest baby and me; special unspoken request.—Sister Ida Rohn, 355 E. 6th St., Jacksonville, Fla.

The saving and healing of a friend of T. B., A. S. Temelton, Dade County Hospital, Ward B, Miami, Fla.—Brother W. D. Dees, 3081 Shipping Ave., Coconut Grove, Fla.

My brother who was discharged from the Army to be healed of a goitre and an effected back; my brother overseas.—Reenie Owen, Rt. 1, Fruithurst, Ala.

The healing of my little boy's mouth, throat and stomach, they are in a bad condition; my baby to be healed of a bad cough and cold.—Euline Lee, Rt. 2, Box 151, Decatur, Ala.

God to undertake for a request.—Mrs. J. L. Williams, Cortez, Fla.

God to completely heal me, I am in bad health; the healing of my mother's body.—Mrs. Virgie Schweigert, 639 First St., Havre, Mont.

The healing of H. W. Cooper, Smyre Sta., Gastonia, N. C.; God to undertake for Betty Wall.—Mrs. Melvin Faison, Rt. 2, Mocksville, N. C.

God to undertake for my son-in-law; my two sons in the Army.—Mrs. Martha Weeks, Rt. 4, Box 391-A, Roanoke, Va.

God to undertake for my husband and brother.—Mrs. Dorothy Franklin, 629 W. High St., Gainesville, Ga.

The healing of Sister Lillie Shipley who is very sick; my son in Italy, last heard from over two months ago. Encouragement appreciated. Write to my son if you will; God to undertake for me and that the sick ones at my home will be healed.—Mrs. Eliza Mays, 1235 Broad St., Bristol, Tenn.

My daughter who has some kind of breaking out, something like eczema; my healing.—Mrs. Minnie Meeks, 131 Aycock St., Carrollton, Ga.

Me to be healed of cancer, which has spread to different parts of my body. Encouragement appreciated.—Maxine Back, 424 S. Star Ave., Tucson, Ariz.

My boy, Ben Edwards, who is in the Army Air Corps overseas.—Mrs. Marie Edwards, Vicksburg, Miss.

My son in Service overseas; my daughter who has gall stones; my unsaved children.—Callie Bryant, Rt. 2, Cosby, Tenn.

My son, Isaiah Fowler, who was ready to sail when last heard from.—His mother, Charity Fowler, Cranks, Ky.

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NOTICES

I am at present located at Odessa, Tex., and open for revivals. My wife plays the guitar and sings. Open to all who like old-time holiness preaching.—Bill Cook, Odessa, Tex.

The Church of God, located at 821 W. Francis Ave., Jacksonville, Ala., extends a cordial invitation to the members and friends of the church stationed at Fort McClellan, and those located elsewhere in this vicinity.—F. M. Sides, pastor, 821 W. Francis Ave., Jacksonville, Ala.

WANTED: A good 40x60 gospel tent, to be used in revivals. Anyone who knows where I may secure one, please contact me at the following address.—Rev. J. F. Jenkins, Box 484, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

If anyone wants me for a revival, I am ready.—Mrs. Eliza Mays, evangelist, 1235 Broad St., Bristol, Tenn.

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Reports from the Field

Holy Ghost Present in Every Service

HILLIARD, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the good people at Hilliard, Fla. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way, both spiritually and financially. We have already put a rostrum in the church, also new flooring, and painted the church inside and out. The Lord is blessing here, but when the Lord is blessing the enemy is always on the job.

On Thursday Sister Crews was taken very ill. We prayed for her and the Lord would touch her but she could not get complete victory. On Friday afternoon they received a message that her son, Brother Bud Crews, was missing in action in Germany, he also being one of our members. We called the saints together and prayed for Sister Crews and family. On Sunday Sister Crews got worse. We all met back and prayed for her and the Lord wonderfully touched her body and Brother Crews was saved. Conviction was working so we began a week's revival at the church, which proved a wonderful blessing.

We asked special prayer for Sister Jennie Crews and her three small children, wife and children of Brother Bud Crews, who was reported missing in action. Pray for us at Hilliard, Fla.—Mallory Smith, pastor.

Looking Forward

MOGADORE, Ohio—We praise the Lord for sending our good pastor, Brother A. H. Tribble, and family back for another year, for Rev. Tribble is among the best preachers in the Church of God. Our church is in a nice place. Some interior improvements have been made, with cellotex over the ceiling, new lights, nice chairs, the walls painted, and runners down the aisles. We expect soon to have new siding, with extra work done on the outside of the church.

Brother Tribble in his last revival had Rev. Woolum, of Michigan, to do the preaching. Two were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. A sister of the church was near death's door for a week. She came to the meeting and was healed, went home and helped the family move into their new home.

Our good pastor wants to see the

Mogadore church filled with consecrated members, so the Sunday School and Y.P.E. will be one hundred per cent soon. Please pray for the Y.P.E. and their new leader, Sister Byrd. Also pray for the revival that will start in December. Pray that the sinners in Mogadore will be saved, the lame made to walk, and the blind to see because of the healing power of God in these revivals.—Sister Dessona F. Wayandt.

Report of Y. P. E. Convention, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

The Y. P. E. convention of the Church of God here opened Friday morning, November 3, at 10:30, and closed Sunday evening, November 5. These three days were filled with God's blessings. This convention was held in the church, formerly the Glad Tidings Tabernacle but recently purchased by the Church of God and reorganized. Our convention was most encouraging from the very first service till the last. In the morning service a sailor boy came to the altar and wept his way through to God. More young people followed during the services and were gloriously saved. Two were wonderfully filled with the Holy Ghost on Saturday night and a number were slain under the power. Sunday morning a number of young people came to the altar and dedicated their lives to God for service anywhere. I believe God has the greatest volunteer army in the world and they serve Him because they love Him. God was pleased to accept these young lives as witnessed by the tears of joy and praise. A number of ministers were present, including our overseer, Rev. Wm. Pospisil, and our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Chesser. God used our Brother Chesser. We were much inspired by his messages. A joint offering for home missions and orphanage was taken, which amounted to \$86.51. We are working toward establishing our own orphanage here in Canada. We believe God will bless us for it.

During the last night of the convention the right hand of fellowship was given to eight new members. After the evening message by Brother Chesser the altar was filled with hungry seekers. We are proud of

these consecrated young people who are all out for God and His Church. Should the Lord tarry we expect great soul-winners from their ranks.

Monday morning was registration day at the Bible School. The students had come in during the convention and seventeen enrolled for this term of school. May God bless the Bible School and send forth many laborers into His harvest field, as the harvest is ripe and laborers are few. Pray for us.—Yours for the advancement of God's cause, A. Erickson, state superintendent.

Echoes From the North Florida Camp Meeting

The great camp meeting started on Saturday night, November 4, with a record-breaking crowd, and ran through Sunday, November 12.

The pastors from the east, west, north, and south came in for the first time to attend as a whole. Brother W. E. Johnson, our esteemed state overseer, was there with his smooth and polished way of leadership, yet we must say he was as humble in spirit as the humblest of us, and this had its great part in the success of the camp meeting.

Our state overseer secured the help of one of the Church's best evangelistic parties to have charge of the night services—Brother D. B. Yow, of Chattanooga, and his singers, Brother and Sister Wroten Dunn. Brother Yow brought the message each night in thundering tones, yet it was most electrifying. He brought us face to face with God and the Bible, but in the midst of those thunderings and electrifying tones, that brought upon us the judgment fear of God, both saints and sinners, there went out an appeal of love so great that the sinner and backslider were convinced that Brother Yow loved them, and not only Brother Yow but the Christ that he was preaching about loved them and was their friend. And they could not withstand any longer; they came into the altar weeping and crying out to God for mercy. Many were saved; many were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Dunn would soar us away into the heavenly atmosphere with their good singing. There were other good singers from other churches which added fuel to the fire. Our esteemed Assistant General Overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, was with us and brought several soul-stirring messages. The first was on "Yielding to God," and we

must say that he and the Holy Ghost gave us a good introduction to God and at the close placed us all on the altar. Then he came back two days later and tied on another car loaded with dynamite. His subject was "Submission to God," and the subject exploded in his soul and he began crying; next we were all crying, and by this time we were all back on the altar, yes, ready to submit all to God to preach the gospel of our Lord and Savior. He was a flaming fire, a weeping Jeremiah, and an inspiration to all the camp meeting.

The theme of the camp meeting was love and soul-winning. There was sweet fellowship among the ministry as a whole. Well, it seemed like old times had come again. There were many great sermons preached by the pastors; yes, great because the Lord was in them. The pastor of Orlando preached Monday evening on "A Quest for Souls" and there was hardly a dry eye in the house. Tuesday evening, the pastor of Sulphur Springs "Anchored Our Souls in the Haven of Rest." Wednesday evening, the Tampa pastor covered us with the heavenly messengers. Thursday evening the Ft. Myers pastor preached in his humble way and blessed everybody. The writer had to leave the camp meeting at this time, but there were many other good things that happened right up to the last. The deacon of the Lake City church said he had been to every camp meeting that had been held there and this was the greatest of all; yes, he said he had cried enough to wash him a suit of clothes. The Bible says that a broken and contrite spirit are the sacrifices of God and we had plenty of all that through the camp meeting.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost were the leaders throughout the entire camp meeting, and we give them all the praise.

May God bless all who read this, and we hope that you will plan to be in the next camp meeting. We thank God for our overseers, Brother E. L. Simmons, Assistant General Overseer, and Brother W. E. Johnson, State Overseer.—A. V. Howell, reporter, Orlando pastor.

Notes of Success in Y.P.E. at Krafton, Ala.

A contest between the Crusaders and the Fellow Travelers has been very interesting. Stars were given for work done, such as getting new mem-

bers, taking part on programs, getting Lighted Pathway subscriptions, bringing in coupons, etc., while two thermometers registered collections and donations. The goal in stars were 400, and in degrees on the thermometers 200. Each degree counted 50c. The goals were reached by the winning side, the Crusaders, in a period of five weeks. The other group was not far behind.

Our total attendance this month has been 416.

Total coupons turned in in one week, around 3,000.

Total Lighted Pathway subscriptions, 37.

Total number of pictures and motes sold, not yet known.

Total amount of money received in five weeks, \$230. We have in our membership now 113. Our Y.P.E. plans to purchase a Grand piano for the church in the near future.

We thank God in our success, and realize that without Him we would only be a failure. We are adopting as our slogan Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Please pray for us.—Sister Vera Baldree, president, Box 1155, Chickasaw, Ala.

Delta District Y.P.E. and Sunday School Convention in Mississippi

The convention began Friday evening, December 1, at Pilgrim Rest church, of which Brother Bascom Stanley is pastor. The power and presence of the Lord was with us from the very beginning and lasted throughout the convention.

Brother T. W. Day, our highly esteemed state superintendent, was the moderator of the convention. Brother Day has already done a great work in Mississippi for the Sunday Schools and the Young People's Endeavors. We feel that Mississippi will accomplish much this year under the leadership of Brother Day.

Brother W. M. Stallings, our esteemed state overseer, was the guest speaker of the convention. His messages were very inspiring.

Special music was rendered by Brother and Sister Day, Brother Stallings, the Anderson trio, the B.T.S. duet, and Brother Ellis.

The special offering for the orphans amounted to \$206.11, which was an increase of more than \$150 over last year.—Pauline Ellis, reporter.

Special Thanksgiving Service at Columbus, Miss.

We had a special Thanksgiving service at the Church of God at Columbus, Miss. Our new overseer and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Stallings, were with us, also our former pastor, Rev. M. H. Kennedy, our state treasurer.

Our pastor, Rev. O. L. Presley, made a short talk, after which the Parson sisters sang. We then had a quartet from the Pentecostal church to sing. Rev. M. H. Kennedy conducted a praise service and Sister Stallings gave a wonderful testimony which blessed our hearts. Brother A. H. Wallace sang for us and the power fell, wave after wave of glory swept the building. The people of other denominations shouted with us. We had six preachers with us—one Methodist, two Pentecostal, and three Church of God. There was good fellowship.

Rev. W. M. Stallings preached with great freedom and power. We feasted on the good Word of God.

Since the Assembly we have been very busy. We have bricksided the church all around and overhauled it. We have gone over the top with all our church program, including our dollar per member and aged ministers' fund. We are now praying for a revival. Pray with us.—Mrs. A. H. Wallace, Columbus, Miss.

God Blessing Wonderfully at Yazoo City, Miss.

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—I praise God for the way He is blessing us at this place. Brother G. N. May came here as pastor the last of October and since that time three have received the Holy Ghost, one has been saved, and others blessed. The saints have been revived and encouraged to press on. Brother May preaches old-time religion in its fulness and his good wife and children are doing a good work by rendering their part in music and singing.

We thank God for sending Brother May our way. We feel it is an answer to prayer.

We are starting a revival and it may last till Jesus comes. Pray for our success and listen for more good reports from Yazoo City.—Mrs. W. J. Taylor, clerk, Rt. 2, Box 223.

No pump is needed in the wells of salvation; they are so full they are overflowing.

SOLDIER'S WEEKLY — LETTER —

At Sea, November 20, 1944

Dear Friend:

Greetings in Jesus' name. Have surely enjoyed reading this Spirit-filled paper. It is a rich blessing among the toils and trials of war. The Evangelists come slow but they are worth waiting for, and never get too old. I surely thank God for them.

Have been in several campaigns and the recent battle of the Philippine Sea, or the Surigao Strait off the Leyte Isle. I find the Lord dear and I never want to even think of living without His guidance. Even if there were no reward at the end of this life, it would be worth while. I can recall recent incidents of miracles performed while praying for the blind, lame, and sick. I have faith in His wonderful works. My own body has been healed several times of minor sicknesses.

It surely is sad to think of all those lost and dying Americans. America seems to get more pleasure-mad every day. The devil is surely getting a hold on our country. Even Christians and ministers are straying for the love of Satan's lucre. I was reared in a humble home and was taught God's Word and saw that it was real. I strayed away but was never satisfied until that day I found the Master. He gave me peace, joy, and the love that sanctification brings. One year later I was filled with the wonderful Holy Ghost. That is the greatest experience since being in the Marine Corps. When I received the Holy Ghost I was slain under the power of God for ten hours. When I came out I was filled with the Holy Ghost and fire and speaking in tongues as a witness. We have a big battle on hand, destroying the Japanese, but will have a much bigger fight inside our own United States with the devil. I feel sorry for all the illegitimate children brought on by war, and the divorces. The younger generation is being raised with a warped outlook on life, brought on by the sins of their parents. I need prayer out here in the Pacific but I feel we should pray for the large number of lost there in the United States more. I have declared war on the devil and his host and with the Lord's help I intend working full time after this is over out here. I have often told friends, who ask where my

home is, that I do not have any permanent home, but that my mansion is in heaven. It can easily be seen that the heathens are accepting Christ more than those of the civilized world. There will be a chosen few and by the help and grace of God I want to be in that number.

If another Christian Marine reads this I would like to hear from you as I have never met one. I shall close and I sincerely thank God for the true Church of God. I am looking forward to the happy reunion with the saints at Roderfield, W. Va.—Pfc. Harold L. Gilbert. (We are not allowed to print overseas addresses, but will be glad to give his address upon request.)

GENERAL OVERSEER SPEAKS

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interest a congregation, or no one wants to hear him preach, or he is as well satisfied doing secular work, as long as he is getting a good living out of it, has never been called to preach.

The best evidence that one has been called to preach is the fact that his ministry is in demand. He has calls to pastor churches. He has calls to conduct revival campaigns. The saints of God are edified by his preaching and sinners are saved under his ministry.

But how does a man feel when he is called? I am not sure that feelings are very much evidence. Men can feel so many different ways, and so many men who have made a failure in the ministry have had a great many of those feelings. However, the true God-called minister of the gospel has the feeling of a burden to preach, and not only to preach but to help mankind with their spiritual problems.

The man who is called to preach does not put his ministry second in life to anything. His ministry comes first of all things. Entangling with the affairs of this world is damaging evidence against the preacher. The man who is called to preach is so burdened with his work that nothing will keep him from preaching. He will disregard the advice of his best friends, and sweep aside the persuasion of his family to fulfill his calling. He will carry the gospel if he has to walk to do so. He will preach if he has but one suit of clothes and them worn threadbare, and the soles of his shoes worn through. He will preach if the people pay him, and he will preach if they don't. He has a feeling that his life's work is to preach the

Soldier Determined To Overcome

Dear brothers in Christ: Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior. I am thankful that I am a child of God today. He is so real to me that I can feel His presence within in my soul now. Praise His name!

I am sitting here in my little pup tent and the rain is coming down in torrents while this old tent leaks like a sieve. This rain brings to my mind the latter rain which the saints of God are receiving in these last days.

I have just finished reading the Evangel. The contents are truly good food for my soul. Being a soldier overseas, I look forward to receiving it as I do a letter from home. It keeps us posted of the many happenings in the Church of God.

Don't forget to pray for the boys in Service. We Christian boys are faced by trials and temptations daily. We are among evil companions where there is cursing, drinking, and filthy talking. But praise God, we are determined to be overcomers through our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—A Christian soldier, Cpl. Chas. H. Brodie.

gospel and woe unto him if he fails.

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MAINTAINING THE GLOW

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In later years it seems as if it is hard to tell when, where, and how sanctification is attained. There is but one reason for this melancholy viewpoint, and it is this. Some ministers, along with individuals and almost the whole of some churches, have let up in holiness until they no longer maintain either the glow or the doctrine incident to it. There is one thing certain, there is no such thing as maintaining the glow without holiness, and vice versa; there cannot be holiness without the doctrines and elements incident to obtaining and maintaining it. As it is necessary to "walk in the light" to maintain holiness, holiness is equally necessary to maintain the glow.

A QUESTION

Someone would question, What do you mean by "maintaining the glow"? Simply this, I mean looking like, acting like, and, in fact, being like the saints of the early Church. God did not provide for either "rationing" or for "cooling off periods" in the Church. It is easy to lose our grip on God, and it will only be retained by prayer.

FRESH OIL

David was thinking about maintaining the glow when he said, "Thou anointest my head with oil." He actually meant "fresh oil." The glow of radiance springs from the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It is quite easy to make New Year resolutions but harder to carry them out, and especially so without the aid of the Holy Spirit within us. It should be particularly a part of any man's ministry to be led of the Spirit as to his work and ministry, and if this were practised "the glow of the Spirit" would soon appear within our churches, and revivals would break forth without abusive, hard, and critical preaching of over-worked evangelists to get the church revived. God designed that the Holy Ghost should inhabit the Church. Eph. 2:22. The Church is the composite habitation of the Holy Ghost as He indwells the members collectively. It is the absence of the Holy Ghost that calls for this priming and extra exertion in an endeavor to try to stir up a shout. A prayed-up church has no trouble getting a shout started. There might be some trouble getting the shout stopped. Some churches have to put on an extra shift to take care of the many programs and parties

they foster. I want to make this clear, I am not against programs. Many programs are very edifying and are oftentimes blessed of the Lord. Let me say this, however, unless there is sufficient prayer for and during the rendering of programs, they are apt to edify only so far as intellect is concerned, and may do nothing to actually stir the emotions of the church. Would I be stating an untruth if I said that all churches, church movements, which have apostatized from their former power and glory of evangelism have done so by trying to educate and to build up the intellect at the expense of neglecting the emotions of the church? There has been in each instance but one result, and that formalism. The church movement that is a flame of evangelistic fire, is one that lives on its knees. There is a vast difference in entertaining ourselves with our talents, through which we often neglect prayer and the Word of God, and being entertained by the power of the Holy Ghost within our midst. The whole Church is panting for an old-time revival of Pentecostal fire. If we are to have it we will have to entertain God in prayer, that the Holy Ghost may entertain our audience during times of public worship.

I feel serious about the lack of revival and manifestation of the Holy Spirit within our churches, and whatever hinders its presence and glow may be dispensed with without even missing whatever it is. While men inquire, saying, "Sirs, we would see Jesus," is the time to introduce them to the glow of the glorified Christ within His Church. The munificent Christ is an unchangeable Christ, who offers us the fire and the glow of the Spirit of the early Church. May this year be a record-breaker in revival and blessings upon the Church everywhere. It will take prayer to do it, but we may return unto a new year of Pentecostal power and blessings.

FOUNDATIONS OF A CHRISTIAN HOME

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of such reverence. Gossip or criticism about the church members or leaders before our children may prejudice their minds against Christianity. I have known homes where this was done and after a while they wondered why their children were indifferent toward the church.

In the Christian home there will be a beautiful companionship between

parents and children. The home should be a place of beauty, where love reigns, where each member adds his contribution to the growth and happiness of all. Some time ago a man said that before he became a Christian his children were afraid of him. They were glad when dad was not about. But since his own life has been changed his sons think dad is great. Many a child hungers for a closer companionship with a father who is too busy with his work to give his child the time it deserves.

Let the Christian people of America inaugurate a movement from coast to coast for better homes. I trust that we may soon see a day when every child will grow up in a home where the parents are not only godly, but are thoroughly versed in the best methods of child training; a day when young people will choose their mates, not because of love alone, but on the basis of ideals evolved through a study of the significant factors in happy mating; a day when young couples will enter marriage fully understanding its sacred rights, privileges, and responsibilities; a day when there will be three parties to the marriage bond—the man, the woman, and Christ. Let us welcome the dawn of that day when we shall have

"Christ at the marriage altar.

Christ on the bridal journey.

Christ when the new home is set up.

Christ when the baby comes.

Christ when the baby dies.

Christ in the pinching times.

Christ in the days of plenty.

Christ when the wedded pair walk toward the sunset gates.

Christ for time—Christ for eternity—

This is the secret of home!"

—From Pulpit Digest.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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God to heal me of high blood pressure; God to heal my son who is in very bad health and needs salvation. Encouragement appreciated. — Mrs. J. S. Murray, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

My son overseas with the Third Army, I haven't heard from him since the last invasion. He said in his last letter they were in a barn but couldn't have a fire and it was so cold. They were going to have preaching there that night.—Mrs. E. L. Robbins, 108 Mobley St., Chester, S. C.

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